

REMARKS


The Examiner has rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,022,129 to Tang. The Examiner has rejected claim 2 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Tang.

Claims 1-2 and 4-11 have been amended. Specifically, the limitations of former claim 3 have been included in claim 1. Claim 3 has consequently been cancelled. Claims 2 and 4-6 have been amended to remove redundancies due to inclusion of cancelled claim 3's limitations in claim 1. Claims 7-11 have been amended by removing their dependency on cancelled claim 3.

Inclusion of claim 3's limitations in claim 1 is believed to place the application in condition for allowance, since the Examiner indicated claim 3 to be allowable, subject to being rewritten in independent form. Allowance of this application is therefore requested.

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